Bill Armstrong

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Dear Friend,

As U.S. Senator for Colorado, I fought many battles in Washington. Today, as a private citizen, I am asking you to join me in combating a very grave threat now facing our State and its people.

As you are probably aware, militant homosexual and lesbian activists and their liberal supporters have launched an aggressive statewide campaign to force you and me to condone and give our State's legal blessing to aberrant homosexual behavior and lifestyles. These tragically misguided people have one goal:

> To secure for their "sexual orientations" the same legal (plus additional) rights, protections and privileges now enjoyed by legitimate racial, ethnic and religious groups.

I am writing on behalf of Colorado for Family Values, to ask your help in stopping gay activists from achieving this goal. Colorado for Family Values, a newly-formed coalition of concerned citizens, has already achieved major victories by:

1. Preparing material opposed to "gay rights" so incisive it was used as a brief by members of the Colorado Bar Association in a recent Board of Governors' debate on this issue.

2. Defeating a proposed Colorado Springs ordinance granting "protected class status" to gays, lesbians and bisexuals.

3. Halting passage of a proposed State "Ethnic Harassment Bill," which would, among other things, have made it a felony crime for church pastors to preach against homosexuality.

But militant homosexuals are not deterred by these losses. In fact, they have achieved victories of their own:

- Governor Roy Romer issued an Executive Order last December granting special status to gays employed in State agencies.

- Gay and lesbian activists succeeded in getting a "gay rights" ordinance passed in Denver, similar to the one defeated in Colorado Springs. A referendum drive by Denver citizens failed, by a narrow margin, to repeal it.

- The Colorado State Civil Rights Commission (whose head has also chaired the State's most prominent "gay rights" activist organization) has promised to create, promote and see implemented "gay rights" legislation throughout this state.

How have militant gays made such inroads into our State and local governments?

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Claiming this is a "simple civil rights issue," gays have played on the political sympathies of legislators and elected officials to gain the reward of special rights and protected status. Their deceptive arguments boil down to this:

> Gays have suffered emotional torment and physical consequences because society disapproves of their behavior. Therefore, society owes them protected class status . . . to redress their injuries and make them feel better.

First, gays already have the same recourse under law as the rest of us against physical assault and libelous or slanderous verbal abuse.

Second, to equate the self-created personal miseries of pleasure-addicted gays – who sport average incomes of nearly $55,500 a year – with the innocent sufferings and crippling poverty of legitimate minority groups is an insult to those who've struggled to achieve true civil rights in America.

Third, sexual behavior alone has never been a reason to grant civil rights protection. Nor should it be. Tony Marco, Founder and Co-Chairman of Colorado for Family Values has put it well:

> "If having sex becomes all it takes to be considered 'ethnic' with full rights and privileges, the very concept of ethnicity will lose nearly all its meaning and value."

What will happen if gays achieve "ethnic" status?

Quite simply, Colorado citizens of all kinds will be deprived of their civil rights. You'll lose your freedom of speech and conscience to object to homosexual behavior. Your church may be forced to hire gays. If you are a landlord, you will be compelled to rent to gays, regardless of your moral convictions. If you are a day care center owner, you will be forced to employ homosexuals and lesbians.

Lest you think I'm overstating the impact of "gay rights" legislation, consider the recent consequences of such laws in other states:

* In Madison, Wisconsin, two heterosexual women refused to share their apartment with a lesbian applicant. Under a city "gay rights" ordinance, the two women were fined a total of $1,500. Required to write letters of apology to the applicant. Compelled to attend "sensitivity" classes taught by lesbians. Forced to watch graphic depictions of homosexual behavior. And forbidden to ask later rental applicants about their "sexual orientation."

* In 1989, in Laguna Beach, California, a 9-year-old boy was frightened by seeing three gay men having sex in a public restroom. The City Council refused to act on the complaint of citizens distressed by this outrageous event. The City Council said the homosexuals' behavior was "protected" under the city's "gay rights" ordinance.

* Recently, a Minneapolis church was assessed $20,000 in damages and $15,000 in fines – for refusing to allow a homosexual club to hold meetings in church facilities.

Is it possible that Colorado's people could face nightmares like these? It is not only possible, but probable if "gay rights" legislation is passed. Gays have made it clear in their writings that they have no use for the traditional family, for traditional moral standards, or for traditional religion.

Nor do they seem concerned about the health crisis which may result if militant homosexuals succeed in forcing acceptance of their promiscuous behavior. (Surveys of gays by gays have shown that homosexuals average more than 500 lifetime sexual partners.)

Homosexuals are by far Colorado's most active communicators of sexually transmitted diseases. Representing no more, probably than 2% of Colorado's population, homosexuals are responsible for 85% of our State's AIDS cases. (More than four-fifths of these cases originate in Denver alone.

Caring for one AIDS patient from infection through death costs about $250,000. AIDS and its consequences will cost America $60 billion in 1991 alone – of which Colorado will pay its share.

And you and I will pay, too, with higher health insurance premiums and hospital costs, and even higher taxes. Incredibly, despite their affluence, militant gays are demanding that taxpayers pay their health care bills – robbing the handicapped and true minorities of urgently-needed care and benefits as well.

But legitimizing "gay rights" would exact a far greater price of our State than mere dollars. Doors would open for gays to make even deeper inroads into every public and private institution – including the schools our children attend.

Denver public school teachers and counselors are already being trained to teach our children starting in Kindergarten – that homosexuality is a normal, healthy lifestyle.

Clearly gays' influence will grow even more rapidly if responsible citizens like you and me allow militant gay activists to successfully promote civil rights protections for themselves.

What can you and I do to stop them?

Under Colorado law, citizens may gather petitions to place initiatives on election ballots, to be decided by public vote. This is the course Colorado for Family Values is taking to defeat gay activists. On July 31, 1991, Colorado for Family Values filed proposed ballot initiative language with our State's Legislative Council. The initiative was authored and reviewed by some of America's most noted Constitutional attorneys.

If approved by voters in the 1992 General Election, this initiative will amend our State's Constitution to prohibit protected status based on "gay" orientations. It will nullify all existing state and local laws giving gays special status – including Denver's "gay rights" ordinance. It will make future attempts by gay militants to pass new pro-homosexual laws pointless.

Thus, one decisive move by concerned voters like you and me can eliminate the threat of protected status for homosexuals. But in order to achieve victory, Colorado for Family Values must . . .

1. Mobilize an "army" of people to gather more than 50,000 registered voters' signatures.

2. Launch a massive, statewide educational campaign exposing the true aims of militant homosexuals and the impact of their legislative efforts. Educating

the public is critical to this initiative drive's success.

To achieve these crucial goals, Colorado for Family Values must raise $100,000 in the next 90 days alone. That is why I am asking for your immediate financial support today. Colorado for Family Values depends solely on individual, voluntary contributions. Success or failure in this effort depends of people like you who will take a stand for family values. Will you please help?

You can contribute with confidence. I have known many of CFV's leaders personally for years. They are men and women of great integrity. Their intention is not to take away a single right gays share with the rest of us. Their primary concern is protecting family values, traditional morality and legitimate civil rights for all Coloradans.

Please mail your contribution today. Your gift will help launch extraordinarily effective action, because CFV's special non-profit status allows this organization to directly interact with Colorado's system of government. Thus, you can take great satisfaction in knowing you have played a truly vital role in protecting those values which we cherish, and for which we have labored so long and so hard.

Sincerely,

Bill Armstrong

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P.S. Despite their claim to be "oppressed," gays are among Colorado's most affluent citizens. They may well spend millions of dollars in an attempt to defeat Colorado for Family Values' initiative. Our only hope for victory rests with God - and with responsible citizens like you and me. Thank you for giving generously.

What Is Colorado for Family Values?

Colorado for Family Values began in February, 1991, as a concerned citizens' coalition opposed to legislation granting "protected class" status to "gay sexual orientations."

In early 1991, CFV testimony helped defeat a State "Ethnic Harassment Bill" that would have legally protected homosexual behavior.

CFV then helped defeat a proposed "gay rights" ordinance in Colorado Springs, organizing rallies of concerned citizens and the writing of more than 3,200 signed postcards and letters to City Council opposing the ordinance. CFV also organized a successful "Citizens' Boycott" of a Colorado Springs "gay pride" parade.

CFV has filed for non-profit status and launched a statewide "No Special Rights" initiative campaign. CFV is now working to educate all Coloradans about the "gay" lifestyle, so the public can make an informed, responsible decision in November, 1992, about giving "gay" behavior this State's legal blessing.

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Your Stamp Helps. Thank You!

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YES, I Want to Help Protect Colorado's Family Values...

Militant homosexual, lesbian and bisexual activists must be stopped! To help Colorado for Family Values mount its petition initiative drive and educational campaign, I enclose my citizen's contribution of:

☐ $35 ☐ $50 ☐ $75 ☐ $100 ☐ Other $ _____ .

[ ] I have signed the Proposed Initiative, to indicate my support of a Constitutional Amendment prohibiting special status based on "gay sexual orientations." (I understand that this is NOT a petition.)

[ ] I am a registered voter, and I'm willing to be a petition carrier, and collect at least 50 registered voters' signatures in support of CFV's Proposed Initiative. Please contact me. [ ] I've carried State or local petitions [ ] before; [ ] during the past two years.

Your name _____

Street address _____

City _____ State _____ ZIP _____

Phone # (_____) _____

Thank you! Please make your check payable to **Colorado for Family Values**, and mail in the enclosed envelope to CFV o P.O. Box 190 o Colorado Springs, CO 80901. Contributions to Colorado for Family Values, a 501(c4) non-profit corporation, are not tax-deductible for charitable purposes.

PROPOSED INITIATIVE

(Not a Petition)

NO PROTECTED STATUS BASED ON HOMOSEXUAL, LESBIAN OR BISEXUAL ORIENTATION. Neither the State of Colorado, through any of its branches or departments, nor any of its agencies, political subdivisions, municipalities or school districts, shall enact, adopt or enforce any statute, regulation, ordinance or policy whereby homosexual, lesbian or bisexual orientation, conduct, practices or relationships shall constitute or otherwise by the basis of, or entitle any person or class of persons to have or claim any minority status, quota preferences, protected status or claim of discrimination. This section of the Constitution shall be in all respects self-executing.

I hereby affirm my support of passage of this initiative to amend the Constitution of the State of Colorado.

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(Place Your Signature Here)

Date signed _____ , 1991